

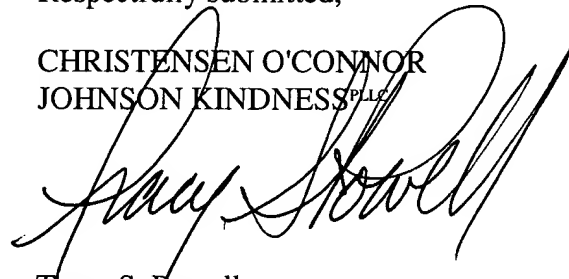
REMARKS

In light of the Board's decision with regard to the pending claims, applicant has amended Claims 1, 13, and 25 to recite the subject matter of Claims 7, 19, and 31 respectively. It is in regard to these claims which the Board overturned the prior rejections, concluding that the cited references failed to fairly disclose these elements. Correspondingly, Claims 7, 19, and 31 are canceled.

In light of the Board's decision and the amendments to the claims, applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant requests an early allowance of the claims. Moreover, should the Examiner have any questions with regard to this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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